were engaged by different branches of the Archaeological Survey of India till 30th June, 1984. As priceless antiquities are housed in Purana Qila, this arangement of watch and ward by engaging daily wage chowkidars was not considered satisfactory. To ensure proper safety of valuable antiquities, with effect from 1st July, 1984 regular chowkidars under the overall supervision of a Security Officer have been posted.

(b) No such enquiry is considered necessary.

Departmental Examinations for the promotion of Assistant Engineer in C.P.W.D.

2289. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Limited Departmental Examination was conducted in December, 1983 by the Union Public Service Commission for the promotion of Assistant Engineer (Civil and Electrical) in the Central Public Works Department;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies of Assistant Engineers (Civil and Electrical) proposed to be filled up on the basis of the examination; and

(c) whether any quota for the prescribed posts has been reduced, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMAD USMAN ARIF): (a) Yes.

(b) It is proposed to fill 20 in Civil and 10 in Electrical side in the grade of Assistant Engineer.

(c) No.

Closure of Bengal Paper Bill Co. Ltd.

2290. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bengal Paper Mill Co. Ltd., Raniganj, West Bengal is lying closed since 1st November, 1983;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to the closure the country is losing nearly 20,000 tonnes of paper per annum; and

(d) whether Government propose to nationalise the mill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The company is faced with a variety of problems such as obsolescence of equipment, shortage of raw material, liquidity constraints, and persistent industrial disputes.

(c) The average production of paper of Bengal Paper Mills during the last three years was about 33,000 tonnes per annum.

(d) No, Sir The revival of the undertaking is dependent on the successful implementation of a rehabilitation scheme prepared by the financial institutions.

Poultry Farm at Billiground in Middle Andamans

2291. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of rupees 8 lakhs or so has been spent by Government on raising a poultry farm at Billiground in Middle Andamans; and

(b) if so, the details as to the number of birds purchased/maintained at the farm, number of eggs laid and income obtained from the sale of eggs/birds?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) According to Andaman and Nicobar Administration, no Poultry Farm has been established at Billiground in Middle Andamans.

(b) Does not arise.